

GOOLE TOWN COUNCILPOLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEEMinutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 commencing at 8.20pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Flynn (In the Chair), Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Harrison, D Jeffreys, Moiser, Moore, Raspin, Turner, Walker and Whitehead.

**OFFICERS:** Mr. B. Robertson (Town Clerk)  
Ms. S. Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer)  
Mr Charlie Studdy (Arts & Leisure Manager)  
Mr Graham Whitehead (Arts Programme Manager Designate)  
Mrs C. Brophy (Admin Assistant)

**PR2000** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Head, B Jeffreys, Marshall, Penn and Vause.

**PR2001** **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillor Flynn and Councillor Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item PR2004 as they are on the Windfarm Trust Panel.

**PR2002** **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 approved at Council on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair (Councillor Flynn).

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Turner and **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

**PR2003** **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Members were in receipt of the following reports.

## (a) Monthly Payments – December, 2020

Councillor Walker queried a payment to Fishers on the 7<sup>th</sup> December for monitoring charges.

The RFO explained that the Council pays for burglar and fire alarms for the parks and cemetery.

Councillor Flynn queried the haulage for the Christmas tree.

The RFO explained that the Council was let down on the original tree and had to quickly sort another one on the day.

Councillor D Jeffreys asked about the payment to Kingston Technology for broadband.

The RFO explained that broadband has been installed at the cemetery to help with record keeping and interment bookings.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for December, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments for December, 2020 totaling £118,447.73.

(b) Monthly bank reconciliation & Bank statement – December, 2020.

Councillor Moiser **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for December, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the bank reconciliation & bank statement for December, 2020.

(c) Monthly Income & Expenditure – December, 2020

Councillor Bottomley **PROPOSED** that Members **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Walker.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

(d) Facilities Charges 2021/22

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that Members **APPROVE** the Facilities Charges for 2021/22.

This was **SECONDED** by Councilor Turner.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Facilities Charges for 2021/22.

(e) Health & Safety and Environmental policy statements

The RFO explained that this is the up to date version of the Health & Safety and Environmental Policy Statement since appointing Ellis Whittam

Members **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** and **ADOPT** the reports.

**PR2004** **TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR AN APPLICATION TO GOOLE WINDFARM TRUST FOR SECURITY FENCE AT RIVERSIDE GARDENS PAVILLION - REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR D JEFFREYS**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that he has spoken with the Operations Managers on this subject. Fencing will stop people gathering behind the building, house the wheelie bins and help protect the building. The building will be put out to franchise as a small café. It is in good condition other than a new roof and painting up. There is nothing like this in the area and the Topsy Cow in Riverside gardens has proved very popular. This will also generate more income for Goole Town Council.

Members welcomed this and voted all in favour.

**PR2005** **REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR B JEFFREYS – TO RE-ESTABLISH AN AMENITIES WORKING PARTY**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor D Jeffreys gave Councillor B Jeffreys apologies.

He said that previously the Amenities Working Party had worked very well enabling lots of issues to be sorted saving time at Council Meetings.

Councillor Walker stated that he was on the Amenities Working Party which was disbanded two years ago. He felt that work carried out at the meetings could be done by all. He suggested that there could be ad hoc Meetings if needed.

Councillor D Jeffreys said that over the past two years Meetings are taking longer. Meeting face to face with The Operations Manager and other Officers proved useful and saved time at Council Meetings.

Councillor Flynn informed Members that at the time there were lots of issues around the VPG which are now Resolved.

The Town Clerk stated that lots of smaller issues could be discussed however the Party never had the powers to make decisions only to discuss and take back to Council. He said that it is a useful vehicle for dealing with issues away from the public arena. The matter will have to go to Full Council.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the issue be on the Agenda at the next Full Council Meeting.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the issue be on the Agenda at the next Full Council Meeting.

**PR2006** **TO NOMINATE A DEPUTY FOR THE TOWNS DEAL BOARD – REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR TURNER**

Councillor Turner informed Members that he has been speaking to Councillor Bailey on this matter. Due to Councillor Head's health situation there is no feedback from the TDB Meetings. Having spoken to the Town Clerk there can apparently be only one person on the board. He feels that a Deputy should be nominated to ensure that no further Meetings are missed.

The Town Clerk informed Members that he is on standby to attend in Councillor Head's absence if informed. He told Members that Minutes are produced and are available on the website. Re the proposals put forward by Councillors, the Town Investment Programme is in draft form and being finalised tomorrow. Following this feedback can be given. He told Members that if he is the nominated representative on the board, he is happy to give feedback when he can. He assured Members that their proposals have been submitted. The Town Investment Programme is being submitted to the Government. A decision will then be made regarding the amount of funding for Goole.

Councillor D Jeffreys informed Members that he would like to nominate the Town Clerk to the Towns Deal Board to provide continuity.

The Town Clerk replied that Councillor Head has asked him to attend in her absence. For future Meetings he will log in and ensure Councillor Head is attending prior to logging out.

Members agreed that a discussion with Councillor Head, on this issue should take place. Councillor Flynn agreed to contact Councillor Head.

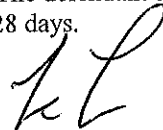
**It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the following items under the public bodies (admission to meetings act) 1960 in that they contain commercial or personal information as defined under the local government act 1972 schedule act 12a the divulgence of which may be detrimental to the council.**

**PR2007** **MONTHLY DEBTORS – DECEMBER, 2020**

Members were in receipt of the above report

The RFO informed Members that Debtor A has made no payment at the current time.

Debtor B – The RFO attended Doncaster County Court yesterday. The defendant didn't attend therefore a Judgement for £1580 has been made by the Court, payable within 28 days.



Debtor C – The Council is still awaiting payment.

PR2008

**CCTV REPORT REQUESTED BY THE CCTV STEERING GROUP**

Members were in receipt of the above report

Councillor Walker informed Members that they have seen the report. A CCTV Meeting took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> November with Councillors on the CCTV Group. This was followed up on the 27<sup>th</sup> November by Councillor Walker and Councillor Turner who paid a visit to Fishers. Following this a further CCTV Group Meeting was held. This Meeting was attended by Fishers. Councillors still have concerns regarding CCTV. He referred to the comments/questions section of the report saying that the Council needs to make a decision whether to continue with the Contract or look at other options.

A discussion took place between Councillor Turner and the Town Clerk over the time the Councillors had to wait before gaining entry to Fishers.

Councillor Turner informed Members that he has received information from an ex-employee that at certain times on Fridays, Fishers is busy with another large company and cannot monitor the Council's system effectively. He said that there had an issue at Murham Avenue Park, where damage caused had been seen on camera. When asked why the tannoy had not been used the operator was unaware of how it worked.

Councillor Turner said that he does not feel that we get value for money for the amount paid each month. His main concern is the lack of qualified operators, there is no proof of this however.

The Town Clerk informed Members that Fishers have confirmed in writing that there are 7 SIA qualified Operators and always 2 SIA Operators on shift which fulfills the necessary requirement.

A discussion took place regarding Fishers providing evidence of SIA.

Councillor Turner told members that he would like the Council to allow the CCTV Steering Group to seek legal advice re Breach of Contract. Councillor Walker was in full agreement with this.

The Town Clerk informed Members that this would need to go to Full Council. He stated that if breach of contract is being alleged, the reason why needs to be given. If there is no fundamental breach it is far better to work with Fishers, taking them to task more often.

The Town Clerk said that the contract will go out to tender when this one ends. There is a Council Minute from a previous meeting which states that the Council will start looking at the CCTV contract 12 months before the end of the current contract.

The Town Clerk informed Members that prior to any allegations being made, Fishers would need to be informed and given the chance to redress any confirmed breaches of contract.

**Meeting concluded at 9.22pm**

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